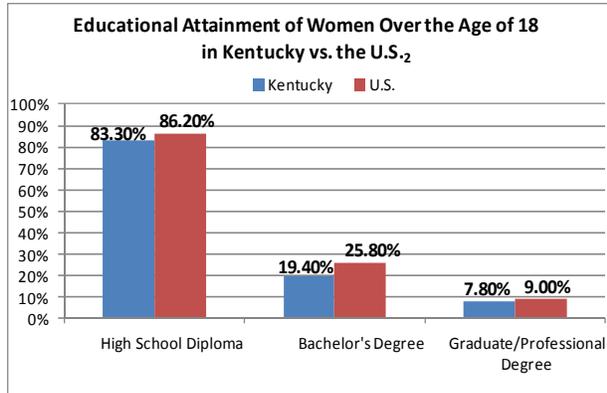


Women’s Educational Attainment

- Kentucky ranks 48th in the United States for the percent of women with four or more years of college.¹



- In Kentucky, only 13.5% of African American women over the age of 18 have a bachelor’s degree compared to 19.3% of white women. African-American women earn a lower percentage of high school, bachelor’s, and graduate/professional degrees than white women.²
- In Fall 2007, 56% of enrolled undergraduate students in Kentucky’s public colleges and universities were women and 63.8% of graduate students were women. However, women only represented 48.9% of first-professional (medical, law, and dentistry) students and 42.2% of post-doctoral students.³
- The median income for a working Kentucky woman with a bachelor’s degree is more than twice that of a Kentucky woman with less than a high school education.³

Did You Know?

The boards of directors of all public universities in Kentucky achieved gender equality in the year 2002.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

- In the U.S., women are less likely to choose a STEM major and more likely to switch to a non-stem major than men during college.¹
- Women make up only about 25% of workers in STEM related fields in the nation. Careers in STEM fields earn about 30% more on average than non-STEM careers.⁴
- In Kentucky, women and men with computer, engineering, and science occupations had median annual earnings of \$52,408 while those with education, training, and library occupations had median annual earnings of \$36,524, about 30% less.²
- The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that nearly 75% of future jobs will require the use of computers, but less than 33% of participants in computer courses and related activities are girls.⁵
- In 2008, women earned only 24.1% of undergraduate and graduate computer and information science degrees from Kentucky’s public colleges and universities.³

Women in Academic Employment

- In the U.S., only 26.7% of full professors at colleges and universities are women. However, women make up 47.5% of Assistant professorships and 54.8% of instructors (2005-2006).⁵
- Women represent 43.1% of full time faculty at Kentucky’s state-supported colleges and universities. African American women represent only 2.7% of full time faculty (2008).³

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